

# Lesson 22

## Words To Learn This Week

warden  
acknowledge  
justice  
delinquent  
reject  
deprive  
spouse  
vocation  
unstable  
homicide  
penalize  
beneficiary

"Words are like leaves, and where they most abound  
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found."

—Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism*

1. **warden** (wôr' dən) keeper; guard; person in charge of a prison
  - a. The **warden** found himself facing two hundred defiant\* prisoners.
  - b. A cautious\* **warden** always has to anticipate\* the possibility of an escape.
  - c. When the journalists\* asked to meet with **Warden** Thomas, he sent word that he was sick.
2. **acknowledge** (ak năl' ij) admit to be true
  - a. The experts reluctantly\* **acknowledged** that their estimate\* of food costs was not accurate.\*
  - b. District Attorney Hogan got the man to **acknowledge** that he had lied in court.
  - c. "I hate living alone," the bachelor\* **acknowledged**.
3. **justice** (jus' tis) just conduct; fair dealing
  - a. Daniel Webster abandoned\* any hope for **justice** once he saw the jury.
  - b. Our pledge\* to the flag refers to "liberty and **justice** for all."
  - c. The warden\* acknowledged\* that **justice** had not been served in my case.
4. **delinquent** (di ling' kwənt) an offender; criminal; behind time
  - a. The youthful **delinquent** tried to avoid\* going to jail.
  - b. All **delinquents** are banned\* from the Student Council at school.
  - c. If you are **delinquent** in paying your dues, you will be dropped from membership in the club.
5. **reject** (ri jekt') refuse to take, use, believe, consider, grant, etc.
  - a. When Sylvester tried to join the army, he was hoping the doctors would not **reject** him because of his eyesight.
  - b. The reform\* bill was unanimously\* **rejected** by Congress.
  - c. When his promotion was **rejected** by the newspaper owner, the editor\* was thoroughly\* bewildered.\*
6. **deprive** (di priv') take away from by force
  - a. The poor man was **deprived** of a variety\* of things that money could buy.
  - b. We were **deprived** of a good harvest\* because of the lack\* of rain.
  - c. Living in a rural\* area, Betsy was **deprived** of concerts and plays.
7. **spouse** (spous) husband or wife
  - a. When a husband prospers\* in his business, his **spouse** benefits also.
  - b. The woman and her **spouse** relieved\* each other throughout the night at their child's bedside.
  - c. "May I bring my **spouse** to the office party?" Dorinda asked.
8. **vocation** (vō kā' shən) occupation; business; profession; trade
  - a. Red Smith's **vocation** was as a journalist\* for the *Times*.
  - b. Hiroko's **vocation** turned into his life's career.
  - c. It is difficult to pick an appropriate\* **vocation** when you are in elementary school.
9. **unstable** (un stā' bəl) not firmly fixed; easily moved or overthrown
  - a. Some **unstable** people may panic\* when they find themselves in trouble.
  - b. I could detect\* that the drinking glass was **unstable** and about to fall.
  - c. Cathy's balance became **unstable** because she was very weary.\*
10. **homicide** (hām' ə sīd) a killing of one human being by another; murder
  - a. The police were baffled\* as to who was responsible for the **homicide**.
  - b. It took a crafty\* person to get away with that **homicide**.
  - c. News of the **homicide** quickly circulated\* through our vicinity.\*

11. **penalize** (pē' nə līz) declare punishable by law or rule; set a penalty for
- The Detroit Lions were **penalized** fifteen yards for their rough play.
  - We were **penalized** for not following tradition.\*
  - Mrs. Robins **penalized** us for doing the math problem in ink.
12. **beneficiary** (ben ə fish' ē er ē or ben ə fish' ə rē) person who receives benefit
- I was the **beneficiary** of \$8,000 when my grandfather died.
  - When the paintings were sold, the millionaire's niece was the **beneficiary**.
  - My brother was the **beneficiary** of excellent advice from his guidance counselor.

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### A New Way to Treat Prisoners

The **warden** of a prison today will readily **acknowledge** the new trend in prison reform.\* In an attempt to provide a different brand of **justice** for society's **delinquents**, officials now **reject** the idea that prison should completely **deprive** the convict of freedom. Thus, in some prisons inmates are allowed to leave the prison grounds to visit

their **spouses** or to pursue\* their **vocation**. Even the more **unstable** convict who may have committed **homicide** is not **penalized** as harshly\* as before. The hope is that if persons emerge\* from prison less defiant\* than they do now, society will be the **beneficiary**.

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Which of the words studied in this lesson is suggested by the picture?

